The interdisciplinary humanitarian affairs minor provides students with a global perspective on the major issues facing the human community today. Students will investigate the impacts of natural disasters, disease, poverty, conflict, and local, national, and international policies on the welfare of human communities around the world. They will also explore solutions to various humanitarian crises and some of the organizations that address these crises. Finally, students will acquire knowledge and skills that prepare them for careers in governmental or non-profit organizations that address humanitarian issues such as poverty, hunger and malnourishment, conflict, human rights violations and natural disasters.

The minor program in humanitarian affairs is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. The requirement is the successful completion of 18 credit hours. Three of the 18 hours must include a completion of HUMN 201. Students are strongly encouraged to choose GEOG 491 as three of the other fifteen credits needed to complete the minor. The international experience must be one that will enhance the student’s knowledge of humanitarian affairs and approved by the humanitarian affairs coordinator. This experience can be completed abroad or with an international organization in the U.S.

### Core Requirements

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Choose five of the following, with no more than two from any single discipline:

- GEOG 215. Geospatial Tools I - Cartography and GIS
- GEOG 322. Agricultural Systems and Global Food Production

### Minor Requirements

- **History Major with ISS Minor**
  - Requirements for the history major are on Page 202.

### Degree Requirements

- **General Education**
  - 41 credit hours

- **Foreign Language classes (intermediate level required)**
  - 0-14 credit hours

- **Philosophy course (in addition to General Education courses)**
  - 3 credit hours

- **Major requirements**
  - 37 credit hours

- **Minor requirements (listed below)**
  - 18 credit hours

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1. When used for credit in the humanitarian affairs minor, the international experience must be approved and supervised by the minor coordinator or designated faculty.

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**Interdisciplinary Social Science**

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The interdisciplinary social science minor offers a program of integrated study that exposes students to diverse methodologies, philosophies and controversies that define the social sciences. It is a required minor for secondary education students who wish to teach social studies. The ISS minor incorporates economics, geography, history and political science and is offered in two forms for secondary education students. Secondary education students will major in either history or political science and then complete the ISS minor that corresponds to the major. Through this minor and the completion of the B.A. degree in history or political science, students will gain the content knowledge necessary for success in secondary education in social studies. Student not selecting the secondary education licensure program may declare either form of the ISS minor.

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1. The General Education program contains a set of requirements each student must fulfill. The number of credit hours necessary to fulfill these requirements may vary.

2. The foreign language requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of the second semester of the intermediate level of the student’s chosen language (typically 232), or by placing out of that language through the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures’ placement test.

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